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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Irwin LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 3

SHORT TITLE Financial Burden of Being A Border State SB _____

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 3 requests that the federal government provide greater funding and assistance to the state of New Mexico to offset the disproportionate financial cost of being a border state.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Federal laws mandate that each border state provide certain services, such as emergency health care and education, to all persons living in the state, whether they are United States citizens or not. The cost that border states incur due to these federal mandates is in disproportionate amounts. The cost of providing law enforcement services in the border regions is increasing due to immigration issues. New Mexico bears a disproportionate financial burden of its location as a border state.

The United States congress is urged to provide greater funding to New Mexico to offset the additional demands placed on this state by virtue of its status as a border state.

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